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following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be  
necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030,  
but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 39 and 47 and add new claims to provide as follows.

39. (Amended) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein  
said cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells intercellularly coupled to  
cardiomyocyte cells of said myocardial tissue by junctional complexes.

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